



RESOLVED

Safer Practice Notice

Status

Resolved

Fall risk with incorrect sling attachment (Liko Lift)

The SPN originally issued on 29 Feb 2012 is now considered resolved because:

- The equipment is no longer in use
- The identified hazard no longer exists/ has been significantly reduced
- New policy is now in place
- Other

Zone Application

- Provincial
- North
- Edmonton
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Date Resolved:

10-May-2018

Alberta Health Services

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Requirements or solutions for enhanced patient safety in clinical practice.

Fall risk with incorrect sling attachment (Liko lift)

The Issue
Residents are at risk of serious injury from falling, as a result of specific Liko slings (i.e. Model 00 Universal sling) being improperly attached to some Liko lifts (e.g. Golvo and ceiling lifts).

Action
Attach the sling to the lift using the end loop (see Figure 1). Do not attach the sling to the lift at the sewed point (where the straps cross – see Figure 2) as the sewed point may rip. It is not designed to support weight, therefore the sling may separate from the lift, and the resident may fall.

29 February 2012

Equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Medication	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional Practice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>
Update	<input type="checkbox"/>

For action by:

Health Care Aides
Licensed Practical Nurses
Registered Nurses
Rehab Staff

For the information of:
Client Service Managers
Directors of Care
Site Administrators
Clinical Educators

Caution
Be aware that some other slings for mechanical lifts ARE designed to have multiple connection sites.
Always check the following with each and every use of the Liko sling:
a) The condition and integrity of the sling
b) The proper attachment of the sling PRIOR to raising the client with the lift.

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Action

- Please remove the original SPN from bulletin boards

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